REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiners Casler and Thompson for the courtesies extended during a lengthy telephone interview on Thursday, April 1, 2004. Applicants remarks made in the amendment of January 5, 2004 were all carefully considered during the telephone interview.

Claim 34 has been amended to positively claim a quantity of pharmologic agent being ad mixed with and carried by the gas stream. The pharmologic agent is now positively claimed meeting the previous objections of the Examiner, and is now believed allowable.

Claim 55 has been amended to positively claim a quantity of humidifying solution ad mixed with the gas, and a quantity of at least one agent ad mixed with the gas. Thus, the humidifying solution and the agent are positively claimed as part of the apparatus. With these amendments, claim 55 is believed allowable.

Claim 97 has been amended to claim an apparatus for treating carbon dioxide gas with at least one pharmologic agent. Claim 98 has been amended to require a container containing a quantity of the pharmologic agent. The dependency of claim 99 has been changed to claim 97, as claim 96 has been previously withdrawn.

Applicant restates all of the arguments contained in the amendment of January 5, 2004, with regard to the claims as amended. The arguments closely parallel the standards set forth in the relevant sections of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure and present a compelling case for the claims as amended.

Applicants request a further telephone interview with Examiner Thompson if the claims are found to be other than allowable.

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